

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/146,588. Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested. Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add claims 22-43.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 22-43 are pending in this application. The claims have support in the original specification and claims.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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